



# MUSIC

The Music program prepares students with the skills and knowledge necessary to pursue professional careers and graduate study. Students perform throughout the year in traditional formal and non-traditional informal concerts, recitals, and gigs. Professional musicians who are active in the regional and national performance scenes, as well as in the international academic field, guide students in their study of music. A low student-to-faculty ratio sets the stage for valuable mentoring relationships. Emphasis is placed on integrating Music Technology, including Live Sound and Lights, Studio Recording, Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), Music Composition, and Music Notation Programs. While at the Mount, students will engage in performances in academic, athletic, religious, and community settings. *An audition is required for initial acceptance into this program.*

EARN UP TO  
**\$3,000**  
IN MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
AND GRANTS

The Mount offers \$3,000 in scholarships and awards to undergraduate music students.

All scholarships are renewable for four years. For eligibility requirements, visit [msj.edu/scholarships](https://msj.edu/scholarships).

**100%**  
CAREER OUTCOMES RATE

100% of Creative Arts graduates were successfully employed, enrolled in graduate studies, or volunteering within six months of graduation. The knowledge rate for this survey was 78.6%.

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

### HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

Large ensembles, chamber ensembles, and opportunities for individual performances abound. Many students build experience in Church Music, and all students have the opportunity to serve communities in need. Outreach to retirement homes, underserved communities, and educational venues are a central part of the music major experience.



### GET INVOLVED WITH ENSEMBLES!



Ensembles offered include Concert Band, Marching and Pep Band, Choir, Chamber Singers, the Voices of Gold a cappella group, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, and Steel Drum Band. Students can receive an annual \$1,000 Renaissance Award. Find out more at [msj.edu/music](https://msj.edu/music).

## CAREERS IN MUSIC

CHURCH MUSIC  
MINISTER

COMPOSER/  
ARRANGER

MUSIC  
TEACHER

MUSIC  
MANAGER

PERFORMER

PRIVATE  
LESSON  
INSTRUCTOR



### SCAN TO FIND:

- Featured courses
- Program requirements
- Virtual tour of performance and rehearsal spaces and more!



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# MUSIC MAJOR - BACHELOR OF ARTS

FIRST YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FIRST YEAR- SEMESTER #2		UNIVERSITY CORE	
MUS 101 Theory & Skills I	3	MUS 118 Theory & Skills II	3	COMMON GOOD	
MUS 105 Piano I	3	MUS 106 Piano II	3	CORE 115 Common Ground	Code COR
MUS Ensemble	1	MUS 121 Live Sound & Lights	1	Justice & the Common Good	Code JCG
MUS Applied Instrument	1	MUS Ensemble	1	Ethics	Code CE
MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	MUS Applied Instrument	1	Experiential Learning	Code EXP
COM 100/ ENG 101	3	MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	Core Capstone	Code CCP
CORE 115 Common Ground	3	COM 100/ ENG 101	3	HUMANITIES	
PSY 103 Intro to Psychology	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	3	Speech (COM 100)	Code C
		Core requirement	3	Writing (ENG 101)	Code C
SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #1		SECOND YEAR-SEMESTER #2		Literature (ENG)	Code CL
MUS 307 Theory & Skills III	3	MUS 404 Theory & Skills IV	3	Art or Music	Code CAM
MUS 121 Live Sound & Lights	1	MUS Ensemble for Core	3	History	Code CH
MUS Ensemble	1	MUS Applied Instrument	1	Religious Studies	Code CR
MUS Applied Instrument	1	MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	Philosophy	Code CP
MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	MUS 309 Game Music Lab^^	1	SCIENCES	
Core requirement	3	COM 151 Peak Productions	1	Biology/Chemistry/Physics + Lab	Code CN
Core requirement	3	Core requirement	3	Mathematics	Code CMA
Elective	3	Core requirement	3	SOC 103 Our Social World	Code CS
CED 220^	1			Choose one discipline:	
THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #1		THIRD YEAR-SEMESTER #2		ECO 212 Microeconomics	Code CEP
MUS 403 Basic Conducting	3	MUS 212 American Popular Music 3		PSY 103 Psychology	Code CEP
MUS Applied Instrument	1	MUS 213 Church Mus & Worship 3		NOTES	
MUS Ensemble	1	MUS 311 Film Music Lab^^	1	Core-level math requires appropriate math placement.	
MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	MUS Applied Instrument	1	^CED 220 required for cooperative education.	
MUS 309 Film Music Lab	1	MUS Ensemble	1	The Experiential Learning requirement can be satisfied with Service Learning (in any semester) or Cooperative Education courses.	
COM 151 Peak Productions	1	MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	Talk with the Career & Experiential Education Center for possibilities.	
Core science requirement	4	Core requirement	3	^^courses are offered every other academic year.	
Elective	3	Core requirement	3	120 credit hours minimum needed to graduate.	
FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #1		FOURTH YEAR-SEMESTER #2		**Curriculum Guide does not replace advisement by a faculty member within the Music program**	
MUS 131 World Music	3	MUS 405 Senior Recital	1		
MUS 311 Game Music Lab	1	MUS Applied Instrument	1		
MUS Applied Instrument	1	MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0		
MUS Ensemble	1	Elective	3		
MUS 000R Repertoire Class	0	Elective	3		
Core requirement	3	Elective	3		
Core Capstone	3	Elective	3		



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